

MINUTES
CITY OF AUBURN - TRAFFIC COMMITTEE
Tuesday, February 19, 2008
8:30 A.M. @ City Hall Conference Room 10

1. **Public Comment: N/A**
2. **Approval of December Minutes Powers/Harris**

ACTION ITEMS:

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

3. **Traffic Calming Petition Request for Lincoln/Foresthill Ave; Grace/Electric & Oak**
Daniel Verissimo & Neighbors

No one from this neighborhood appeared for this issue. Chief Harris did a synopsis on the previous issues brought to the committee. Chief Harris and Jack Warren did some observation at 311 Lincoln Way; plus Public Works cleared brush for site distance. Warren stated the speed survey was 31 mph for northbound and 33 mph southbound from Alta Vista to High St. so the speed limit could be set between 25 to 30 mph per the survey and will be enforceable. Prior to the next meeting this issue will be handled by Warren.

4. **Right of way from the Prospect Hill area to Hidden Creek**
Muff Azevedo; 295 Live Oak

No one appeared for this issue. Chief Harris showed how the Oakview Ct. area is closed by a railroad tie barricade; which after some research will probably be removed and replaced with an unlocked gate for public safety reasons. Easement questions were brought forth along with homeowner's association maintenance needs. Public Works will check with homeowner's association and come back with a resolution at April's meeting.

5. **Speed Limit on Auburn/Folsom Rd from Big Oak Tree to Auburn Rec Park (Item Continued)**
Daniel Crenshaw; 4800 Auburn Folsom Rd, Loomis 95650

Daniel Crenshaw reported that traffic traveling on Auburn Folsom Rd stating between the City Limit sign and the large oak tree drives at least 50 to 55 mph and the posted signage is 35 mph. Mr. Crenshaw feels the 35 mph is too slow and the limit should be at least 45 mph.

Warren stated the speed limit on Auburn Folsom Rd is going up from 35 to 40 mph, but he would verify whether or not it's the area that Mr. Crenshaw refers to. Mr. Warren explained to Mr. Crenshaw how speed surveys are measured by the 85th percentile and speed limits are set from traffic surveys. This issue is continued until April's meeting.

6. **High School Parking (Requesting red curbs on both sides of her driveway)**
Sharon Wegener; 119 Parkside Terrace

Ms. Wegener stated that this year alone on three separate occasions she couldn't get out of her driveway. When she phoned the High School she was advised to phone the police and have the vehicle towed. Several residents in her neighborhood have red curbs on either sides of their driveways, but not at her residence of 119 Parkside Terrace. A garbage bin is also built at the street, so it may appears that people parking there do not realize that

it's a driveway. Per Sonny Harris, he sees no problem painting both sides of her driveway. A motion and second to paint the curbs by Powers/Warren.

7. Train Quiet Zone (Elk Grove passed a "Quiet Zone" amendment)
Jeff Fulweiler, 473 Finley St.

Mr. Fulweiler reported that as of 1/1/07 a new federal law required an increase in decibels for train horns when sounding at crossing guard areas. He gave Mr. Warren a report from another city that used a grant to help this situation.

8. Finley Street (Requesting one-way traffic)
Janina VanVooren; 124 Finley

Ms. VanVooren stated during the last year her car was struck eight times; once it was hit so hard it pushed her vehicle onto the curb. In 22 years she stated her vehicle was struck 20 times. Her daughter's car was hit last week, but only being a scratch, she didn't report it. When a student hit her vehicle and left the scene she got his license plate number and turned it over to the police who in turn contacted the driver. Warren and Chief Harris observed this area stating the street was very narrow.

Asst. Principal, Pantaleoni said there are presently about 200 available parking spaces and 95 issued permits around the school. Buses current route is to go up Finley and traffic must stop while bus loads and unload. Several students need parking and with the restriction of no passengers in a vehicle for new drivers for a period of one-year places even more vehicles around school. Sometime around 1999 a meeting was held at the school to consider one-way streets and was met with a lot of opposition.

Warren/Schroeder suggested looking at making Finley one-way for eastbound traffic and parking on one-side of the street only; but would an open forum for neighborhood input. A night meeting would be scheduled before the next traffic committee meeting in April and the results would need to go in front of the city council.

9. Brewery Lane Traffic Issue
Catherine Rowe

Catherine didn't attend this meeting, but once this issue goes to OTBA meeting it would be brought back to the Traffic Committee. This issue will be carried over to April meeting.

10. Oakwood at High Street Traffic Suggestion * (letter from Janeene Coleman)
Jack Warner

Warren stated there's a no right turn on High Street in order to move traffic efficiently. Drop off agenda, but keep an eye on the traffic in this area.

12. Walsh Street – Safety Mapping
Lisa Worthington, 174 Tuttle Street

Lisa spoke regarding the need for safety routes to Skyridge School, EV Cain, and the Placer High School. Survey is still tentative; until safety officials can look over the plans. The City would need more information from the schools in order to make any recommendations for safety routes. Kevan Little, Public Works will do a line drawing in a one-mile radius from EV Cain for survey. Also mentioned was Walsh St. which isn't wide enough for a bike route, but it's better than riding a bike on the main thoroughfare. As stated by Shawn Shaw, the School District is not interested in assuming the liability of safety at intersections. A Comprehensive Safety Plan was put together with Chief Harris and EV Cain.

Assistant Principal, Shaw requested “Keep intersection clear” signage on Palm Ave toward Hwy 49 in order to help traffic flow at EV Cain. A motion/second by Warren/Harris to place signage on Palm Ave.

13. Tuttle Tract Neighborhood – Traffic and Speed Issues:
Residents are requesting a physical barrier to close off Elm/Tuttle
(Continued discussion after Traffic Studies/Auburn Fire Dept Input)*

Lisa Worthington, 174 Tuttle Street, Auburn, CA 95603 & neighbors

This issue will be carried over to the April meeting per Lisa's request due to the fact that less than half of the Tuttle neighborhood surveys haven't been returned. On February 11, 2008 Public Works did another traffic survey to compare to the previous survey from May of 2007; showing no significant changes in traffic numbers.

14. Red zone along the south side of Herdal (Item Continued)

Stephen L. Des Jardins/DCP; Mark & Leslie Rathswohl, 12035 Norman Ln

This item was moved down on the agenda since no one appeared. Warren stated that this has been an ongoing problem. Painting the curb red; leave the centerline where it is (currently it's aligned with the line on the other side of street; Sacramento) Warren/Schroeder feel that red curbs on both sides of the street would be warranted. A motion to paint curbs both sides of Herbal red from Auburn Folsom to new pavement line were made by Warren/Harris.

15. OTBA Skateboarders

This issue will drop off the agenda as it appears that the skateboarders don't appear to be causing any problems.

2008 MEETINGS: April 15, 2008 @ 8:30 A.M.
June 17, 2008 @ 8:30 A.M.
August 19, 2008 @ 8:30 A.M.